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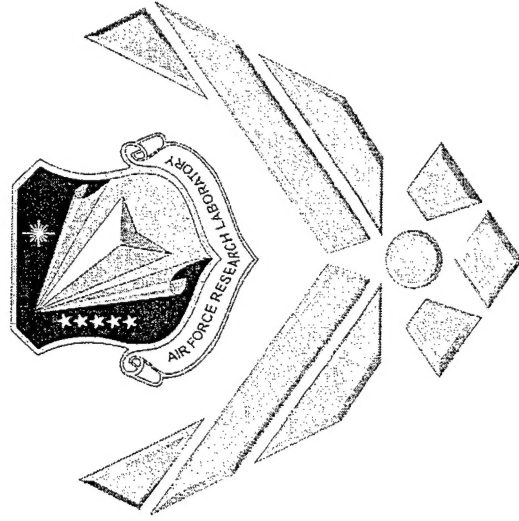
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“Effects on Processing by Drop-in Modifiers in Nano-Composite Polymers ”



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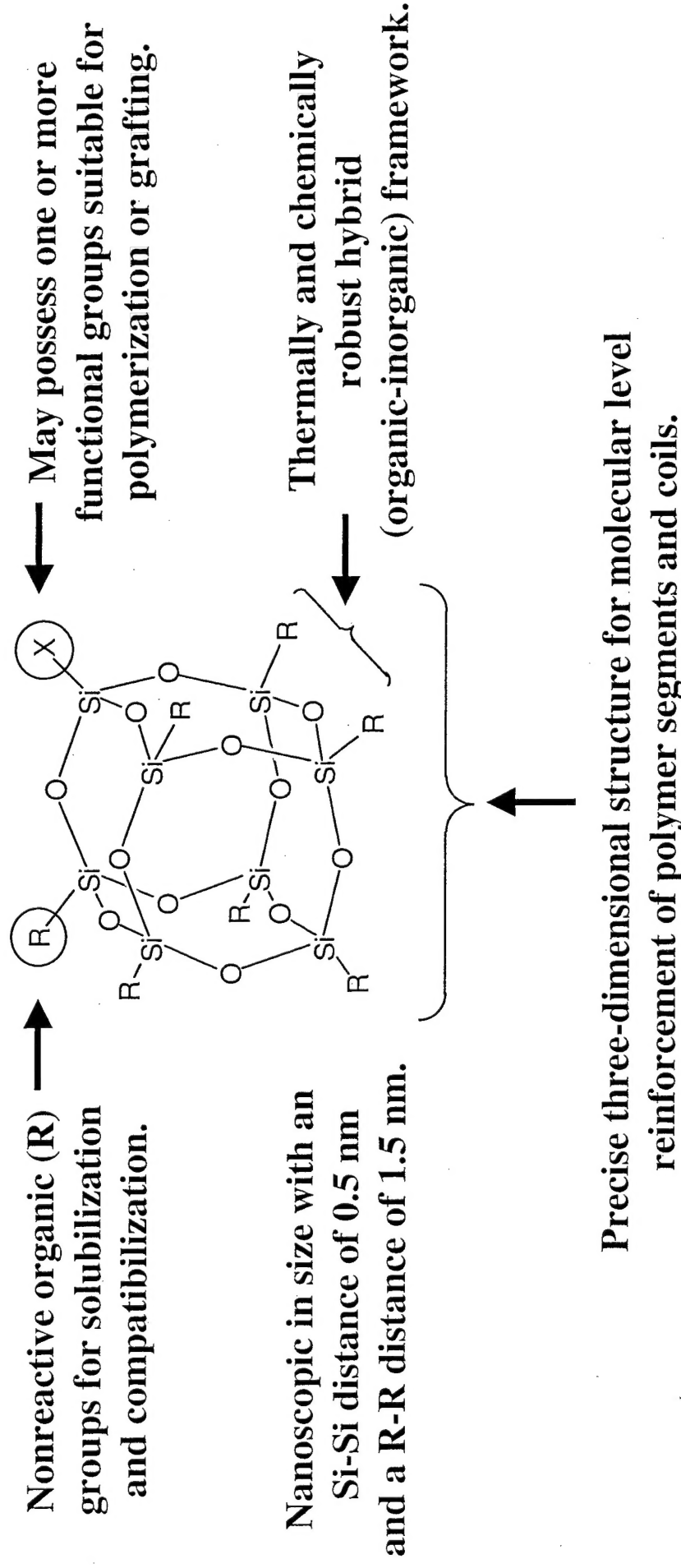
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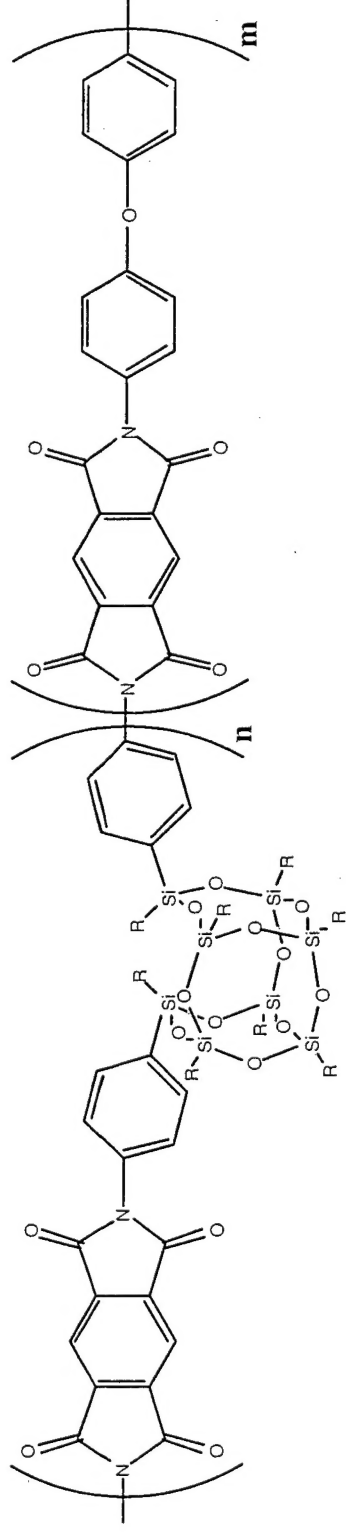
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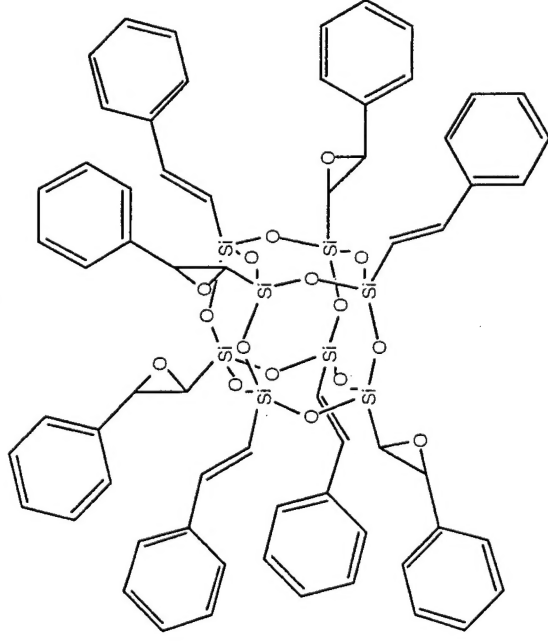
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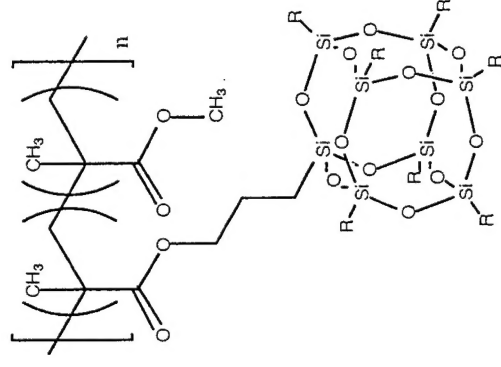
POSS Chemically Incorporated into Plastics



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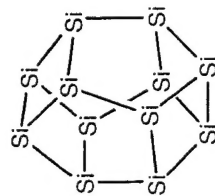
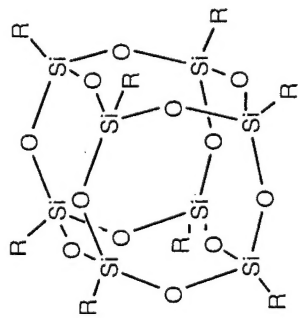
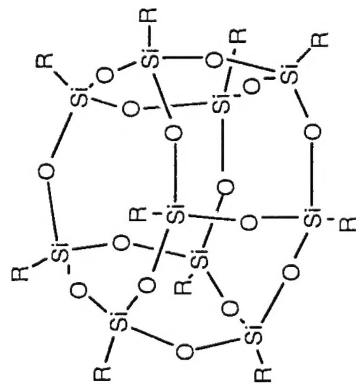
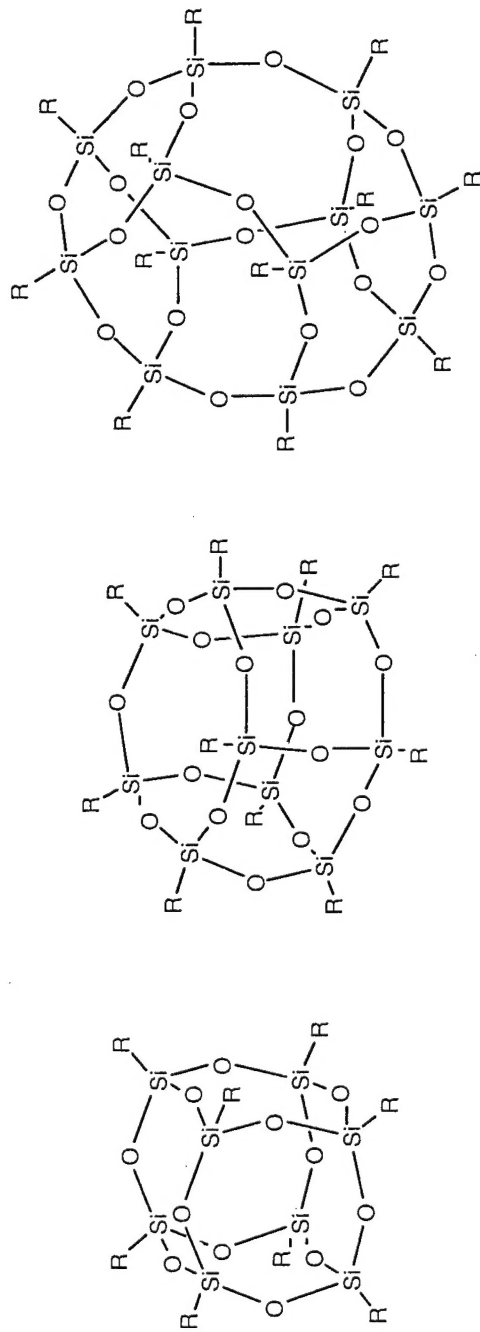


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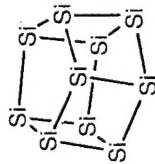


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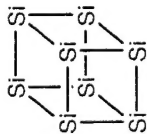
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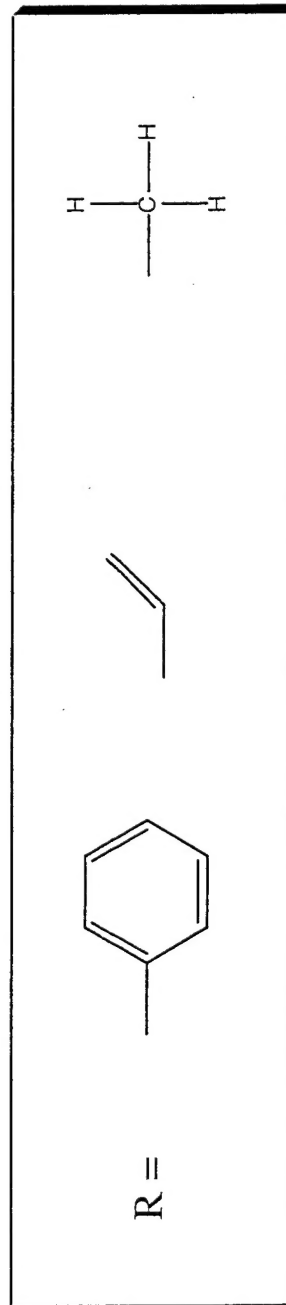
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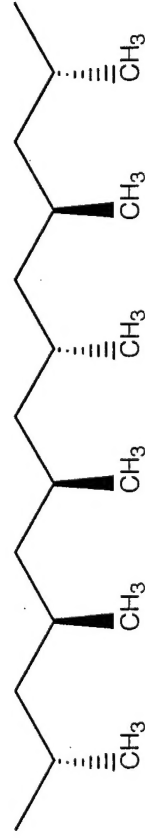
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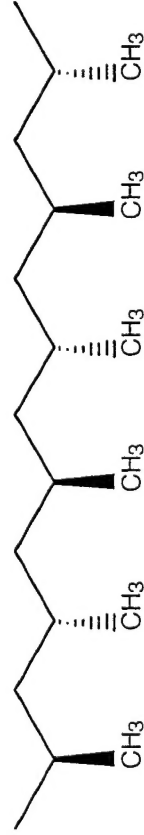
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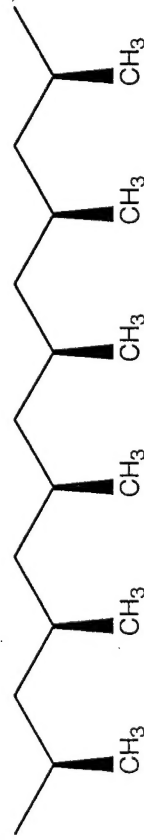
Materials Selection: Polypropylene and POSS



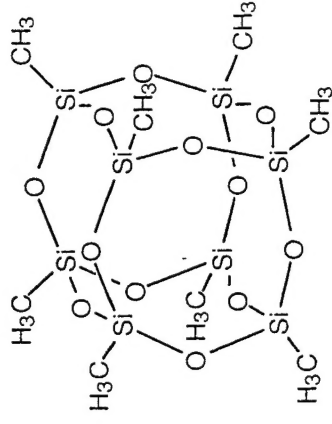
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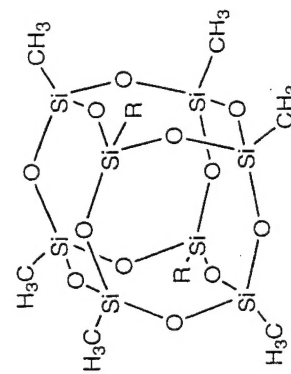
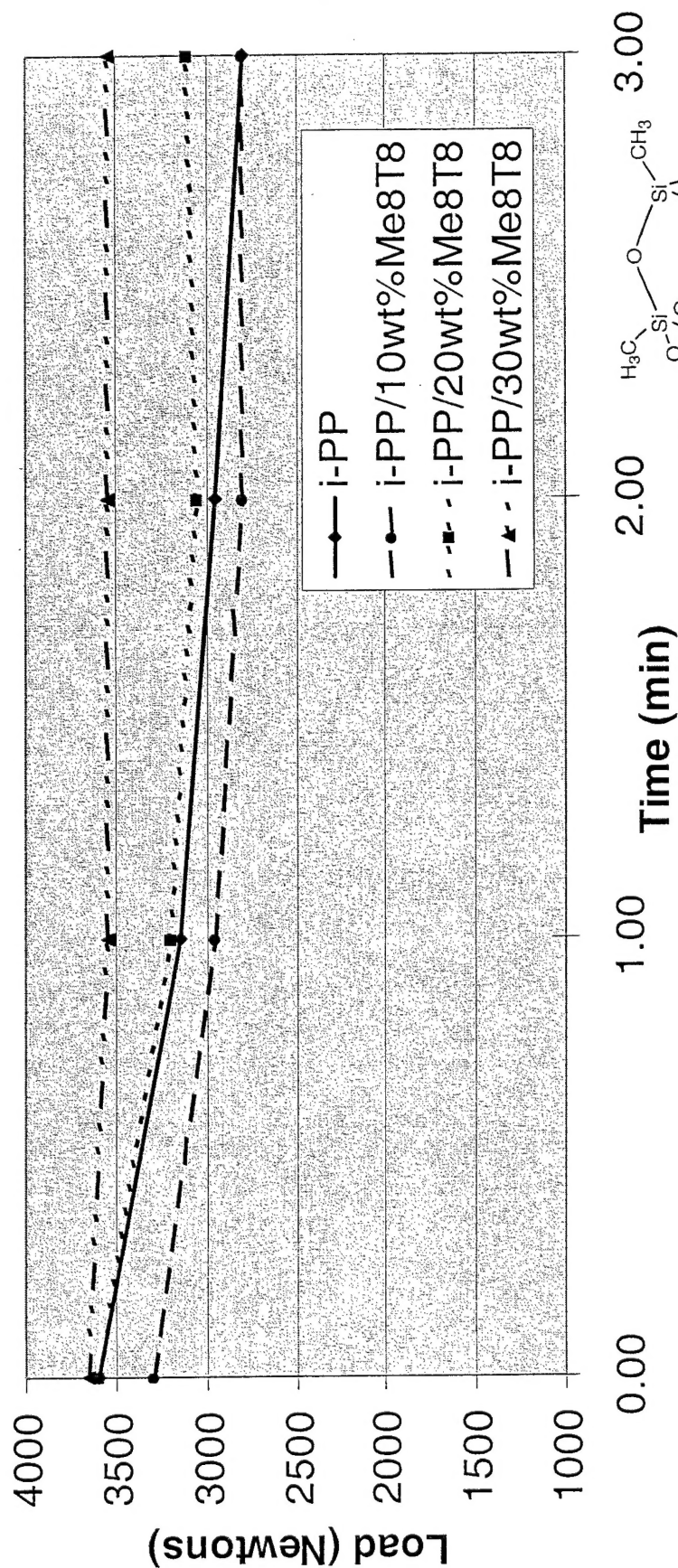
isotactic Polypropylene



Methyl₈T₈

i-PP/Me₈T₈ Processing Studies

iso-Polypropylene w/ Me8T8

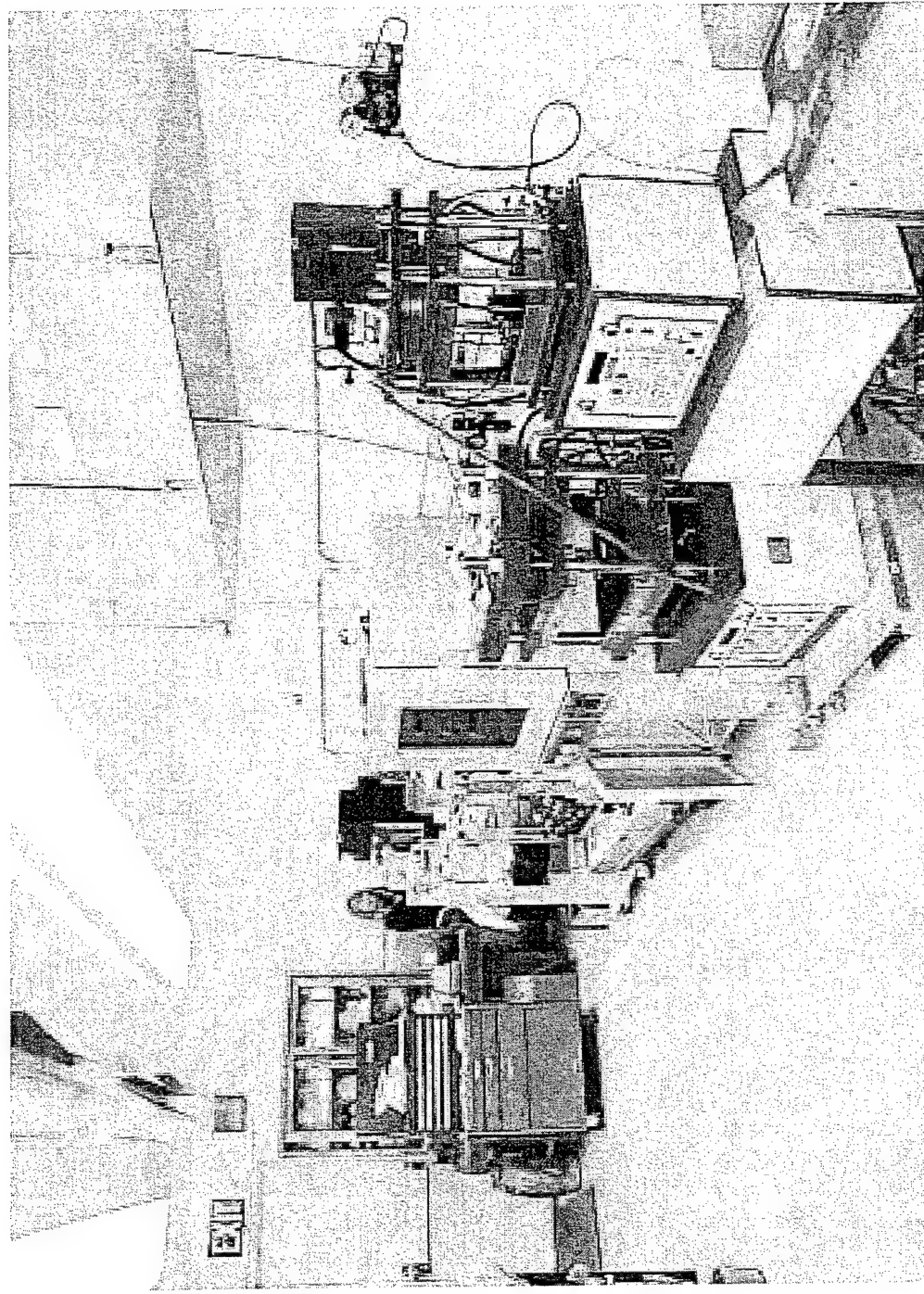


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	Dow data	Neat <i>i</i> -PP (processed)	<i>i</i> -PP blended 2 wt% Methyl ₈ T ₈	<i>i</i> -PP blended 5 wt% Methyl ₈ T ₈	<i>i</i> -PP blended 10 wt% Methyl ₈ T ₈
Tensile Strength @ Yield; ASTM D638	5000 psi (34.5 MPa)	4800 psi (33.0 MPa)	5000 psi (34.5 MPa)	5100 psi (35.1 MPa)	5200 psi (35.8 MPa)
Flexural Modulus (0.05 in/min, 1% secant); ASTM D790A	240,000 psi (1.655 GPa)	235,000 psi (1.620 GPa)	251,000 psi (1.730 GPa)	255,000 psi (1.757 GPa)	262,000 psi (1.80 GPa)
HDT @ 66 psi, as injected; ASTM D648	210 °F (99 °C)	210 °F (99 °C)	221 °F (105 °C)	239 °F (115 °C)	255 °F (124 °C)
Impact Izod @25C ASTM D256A	0.5 ft-lb/in	0.55 ft-lb/in	0.55 ft-lb/in	0.62 ft-lb/in	0.75 ft-lb/in

- The above data (other than Dow's data) is an average of at least 10 samples for each test with acceptable S.D. of 5% or better.

Polymer Processing Lab

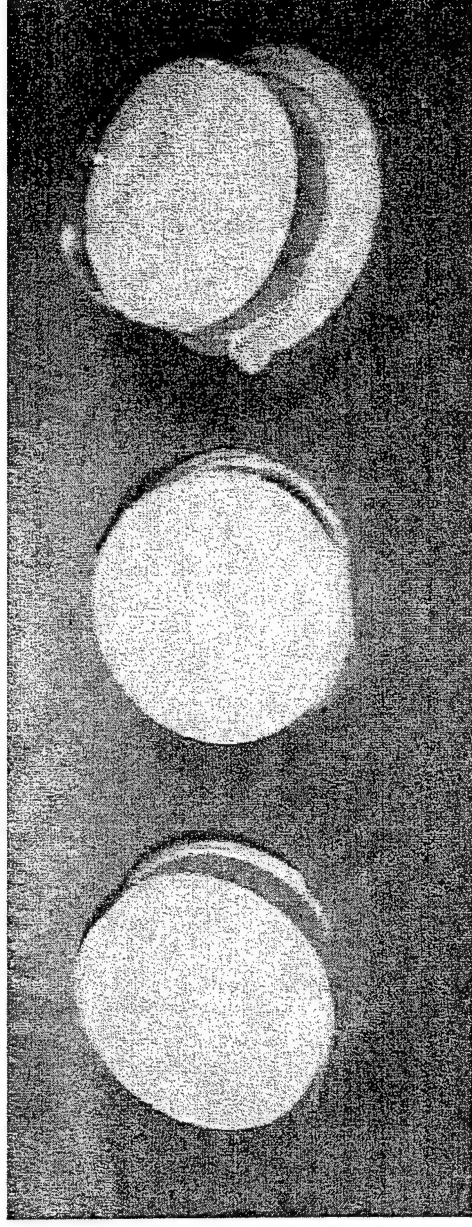


Polymer Processing Parameters

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❖ Pressure

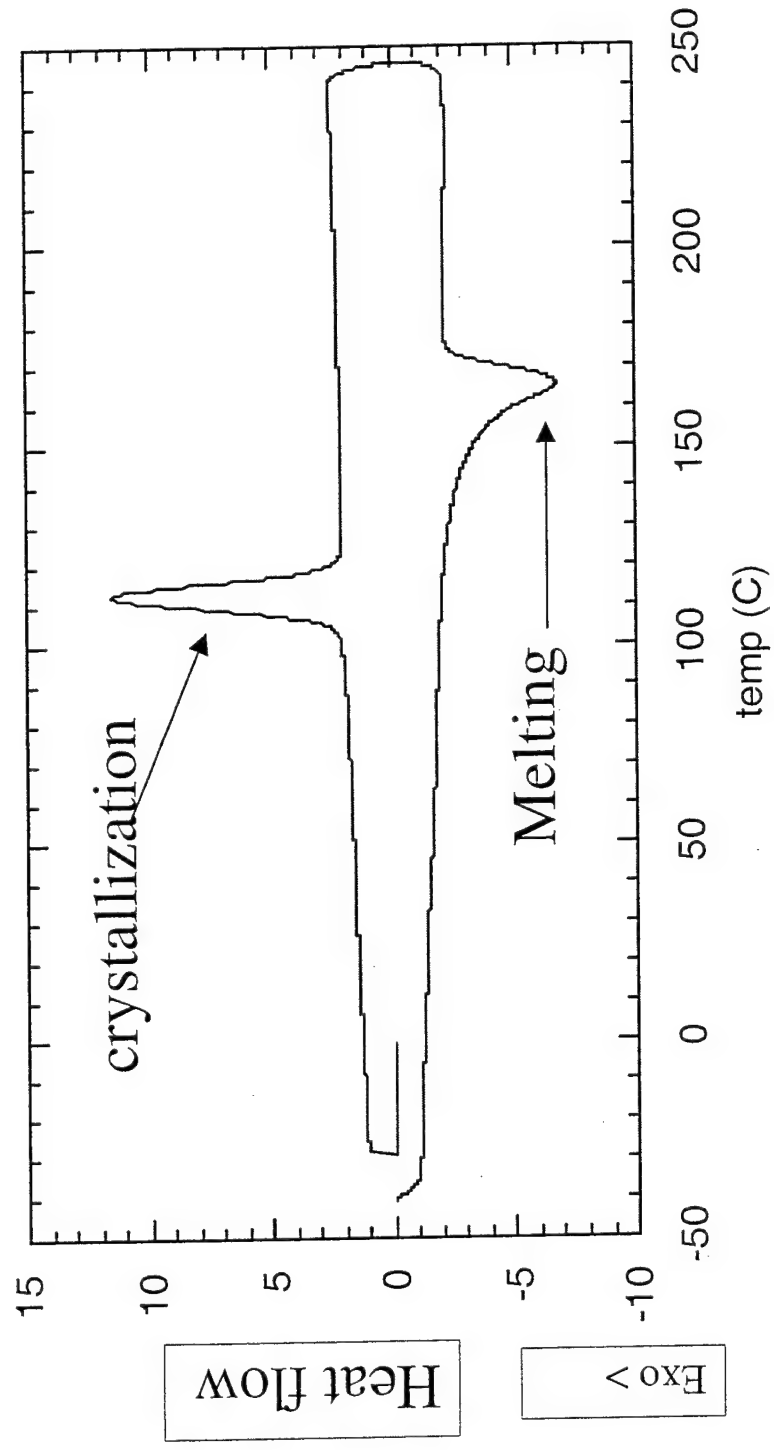
❖ Temperature



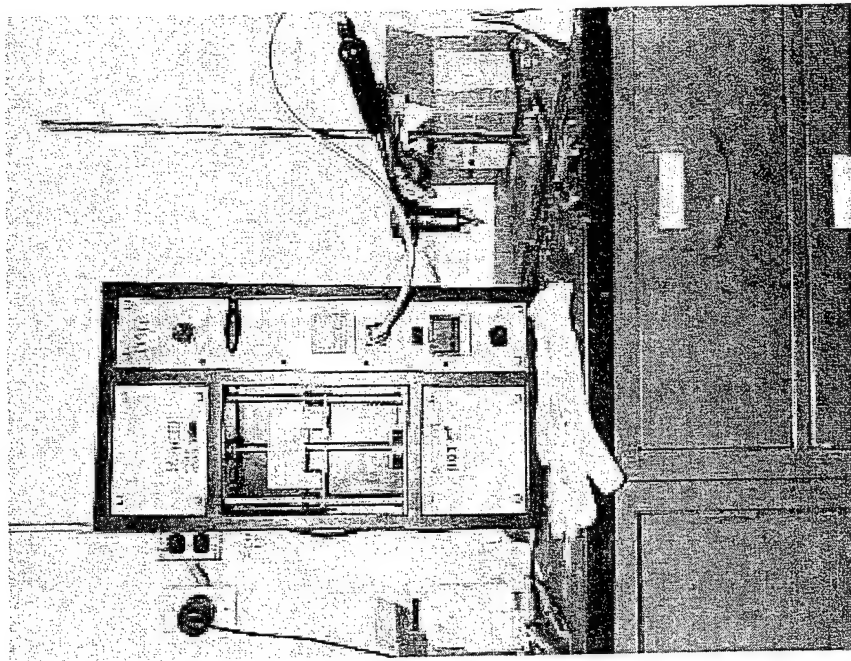
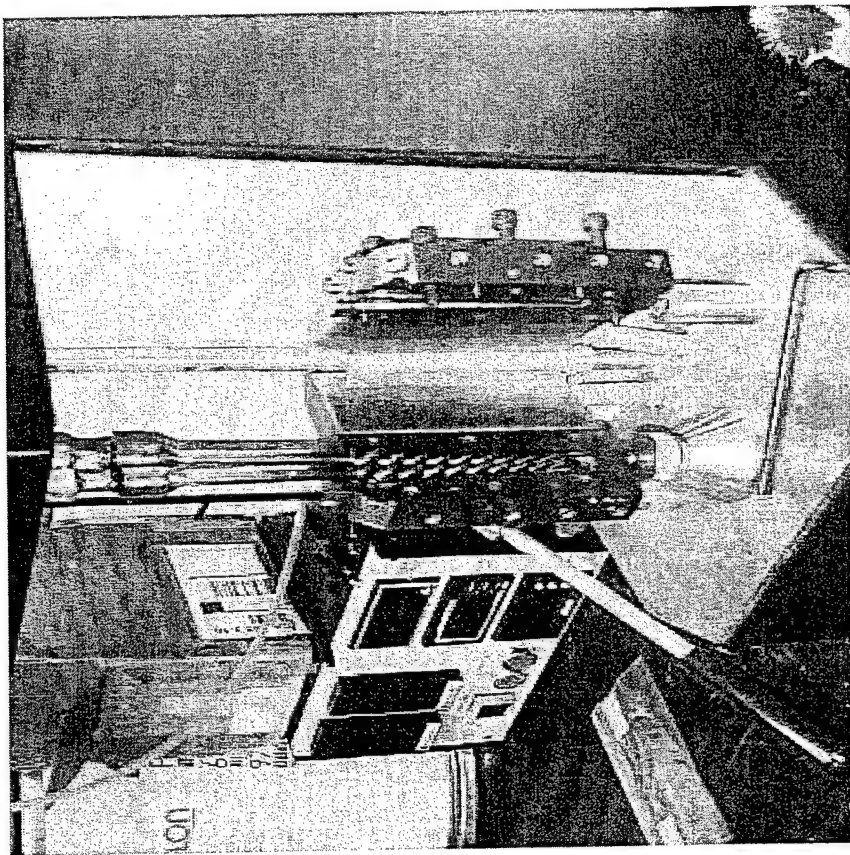
Procedure

- ❖ DSC (Establish processing and drying temperatures)
- ❖ Drying (Vacuum Oven)
- ❖ DACA (Mixing)
- ❖ Press (Forming samples)
- ❖ Tests to compare properties

Polypropylene DSC



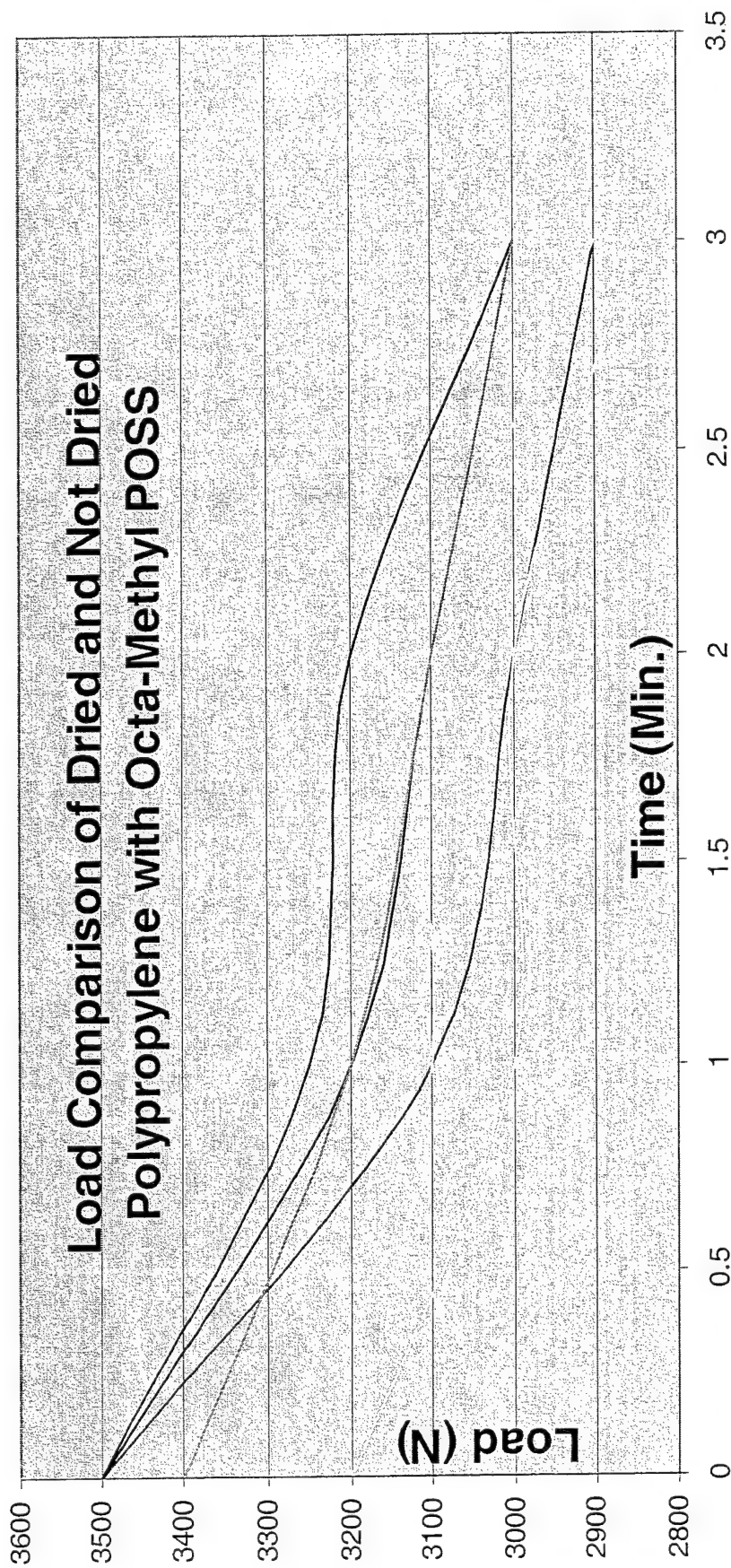
DACA



DACA Twin Screw Processing Parameters for Me8T8/iPP nanocomposite blends.

Mix #	Material Percentage		Load (N)					Torque (Nm)				
	PP	Me ₈ T ₈	Mix Duration (min)					Mix Duration (Min)				
1		Not Dried	Not Dried	0	1	2	3	0	1	2	3	
2	100			3500	3200	3100	3000	4.65	4.50	4.30	4.10	
3	90	10		3500	3100	3000	2900	4.60	4.45	4.25	4.05	
4	90		10	3200	3100	3100	2900	4.80	4.40	4.25	4.20	
5	Hot		10		3500	3250	3200	3000	5.00	4.55	4.45	4.30
6	90		10	3400	3200	3100	3000	4.60	4.45	4.34	4.00	

Press



Dried Polypropylene

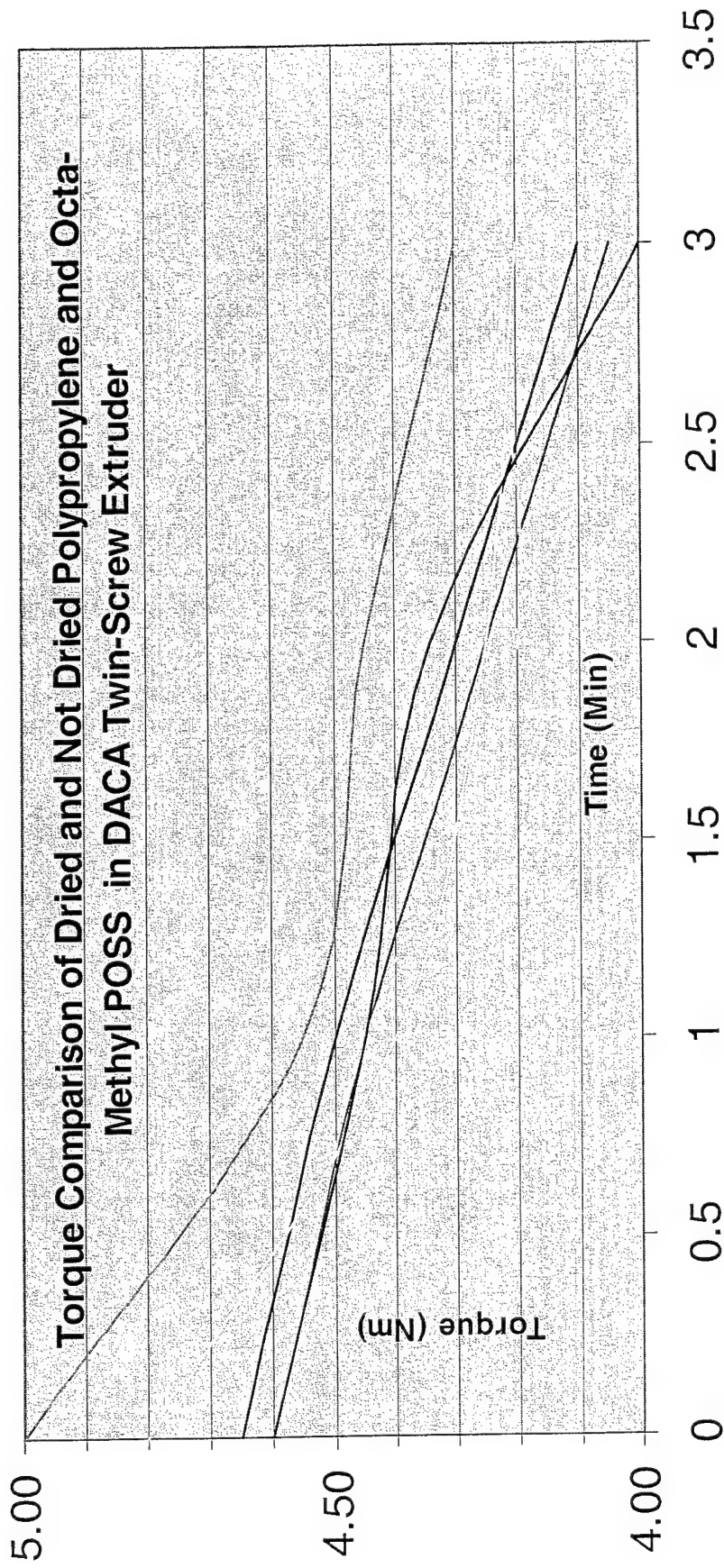
Dried PP, Dried POSS

Dried PP, Not Dried POSS

Not Dried Polypropylene

Not Dried PP, Dried POSS

Not Dried PP, Not Dried POSS



Dried Polypropylene

Not Dried Polypropylene

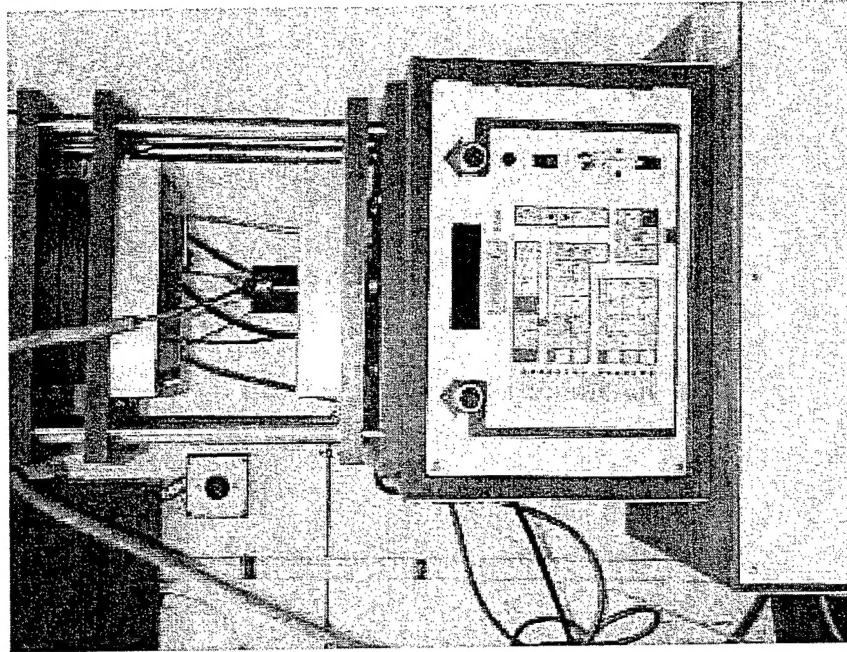
Dried PP, Dried POSS

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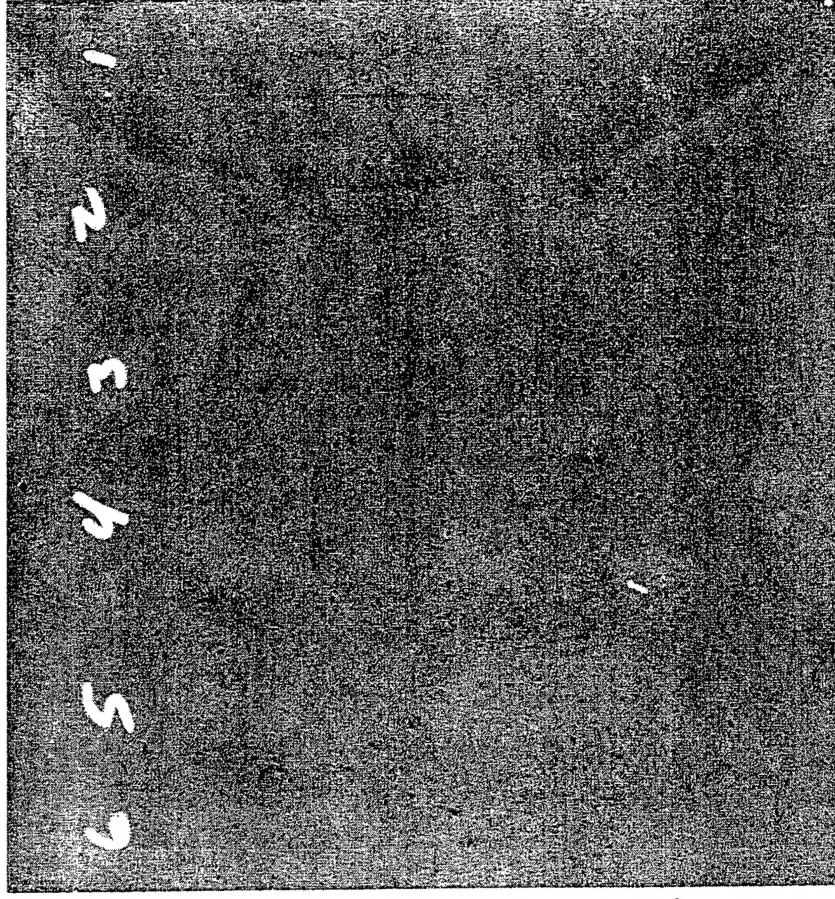
Not Dried PP, Not Dried POSS

One Ton Press



Pressed film of DACA extruded POSS/PP blend variants

- 1 Dried PP
- 2 Not Dried PP
- 3 Dried PP, Dried POSS
- 4 Dried PP, Not Dried POSS
- 5 Not Dried PP, Dried POSS
- 6 Not Dried PP, Not Dried POSS



10% POSS

0% POSS

SUMMARY

Drying seems to play a roll in making Me₈T₈ compatible with isotactic polypropylene

Load/torque to mix the polymer with the POSS is increased if either of the components is not dried.

Visually, the most compatible of the mixes is number 3 where both POSS and PP components were dried. The extruded rod and pressed thin film are nearly as clear as pure polypropylene in the melt.

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**This talk is as much about me learning my work as it is making samples.
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